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450100-02087

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Mari Horiguchi et al.  
Serial no. : 09/394,752  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM  
Filed : September 13, 1999  
Examiner : Thai Q. Tran  
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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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New York, NY 10151

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	19	Minus	20 =	0 x	\$18(9)	= 0.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	3 =	0 x	\$86(43))	= 0.00
				Total additional fee for this amendment		\$0.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$270 (\$135) has been previously paid \_\_, or is paid herewith \_\_.

☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ .00 is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_ petition for extension of time.

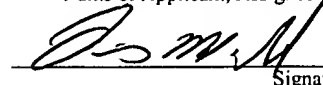
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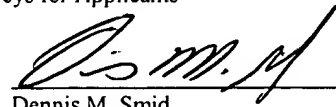
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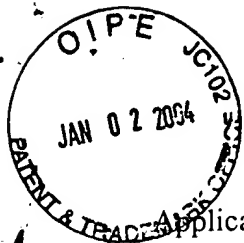
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**AMENDMENT**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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IN THE TITLE

Change the title from "INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM" to "INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS COUPABLE TO A NETWORK HAVING ONE OR MORE OTHER INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS COUPLED THERETO, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD PERTAINING TO THE SAME, AND RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING AN INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS".